

WEEKLY VIEWS

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2010

The Plainfield Correctional Facility (PCF) expanded its continued partnership with the Indiana Canine Assistance Network (ICAN). Nine additional puppies were brought to the PCF PLUS Unit for the extensive training necessary to become service companions for the disabled.

Madison Circuit Court Judge Rudolph "Rudy" Pyle III and Ed Fry, the Madison County Problem Solving Courts Coordinator, visited the Correctional Industrial Facility to receive an overview of the Therapeutic Community.

The Kairos Prison Ministry Organization began a four day program at the Pendleton Correctional Facility on Thursday. 42 general population offenders are participating in the event along with 48 Kairos volunteers.

Indianapolis Re-entry Educational Facility (IREF) conducted its first Promoting Positive Correctional Culture (PPCC) training this week. The two-day training session focused on creating a healthy and productive work environment.

North East Juvenile Correctional Facility welcomed the Associate Director of the Multi-Cultural studies program at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) to present a program to students on great African American Inventors for Black History Month.

The Wabash Valley Correctional Facility PLUS Unit donated two handmade quilts to Shelburn Elementary School in Sullivan County. The quilts will be part of a silent auction at the school to benefit the March of Dimes Foundation.

To date, the Correctional Industrial Facility has completed 326,000 pair of eyeglasses for the Lion's Club Eyeglass Recycling Program.

The Fort Wayne Police Department's Victim Assistance Division has initiated a Sexual Violence Prevention program with selected students at Northeast Juvenile Correctional Facility.

The Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility's PLUS program held a graduation ceremony for 9 students. During the 16 week program the students completed over 225 hours of community service work. The class also completed charitable fundraisers that raised \$396 by conducting food sales and recycling aluminum cans.

PEN Products presented a "Career Path Planning Workshop" at Branchville and Putnamville Correctional Facilities. Over 30 offender participants attended these events.

The Reception-Diagnostic Center held a Valentine's Day "Crush" soda sale. Staff sent sodas with messages to fellow staff. \$394.84 was raised for the upcoming Correctional Employees' Appreciation Week!

Students at Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility participated in "Jump Rope for Haiti". The students received pledges from staff members to jump rope.

A PLUS Program graduation ceremony was held at the Putnamville Correctional Facility for 80 graduates and 52 visitors.

Miami Correctional Facility hosted a Valentine Blood Drive, collecting 41 units from 39 staff members.

The Putnamville Correctional Facility's PLUS program donated \$750.00 each to the Away Home Shelter and the American Red Cross (Haiti Relief Fund).

Northeast Juvenile Correctional Facility's Education Department held a Black History Knowledge Bowl for all students to help celebrate Black History Month.

PLUS offenders at the Putnamville Correctional Facility sold \$1,746.50 worth of Girl Scout cookies to the offender population. All proceeds are being donated to the Indiana branch of the Girl Scouts of America.

Pendleton Juvenile held a graduation ceremony for 9 offenders who earned their GED. 2 offenders also received their ServSafe Certificates.

The Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility conducted a CLIFF graduation for 8 of its students. All of the graduates also earned their GED while being enrolled in the program. To date, 206 students have graduated from the program.

The Correctional Industrial Facility staff exchanged over 800 candy grams as an Employee Appreciation Week fundraiser.

Miami Correctional Facility had its annual Valentine Bake Sale to benefit Employee Appreciation Week.

The Employee Planning Action Committee at Westville Correctional Facility sponsored a Valentine Day bake sale. The proceeds from the sale will help fund facility events to boost camaraderie among the staff.

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." ~ Aesop